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Dear Mr. Wilson,

I write this letter in fervent opposition to the proposed Oster/Las Pilitas Quarry. My family owns property off of SR 58. I fear that this project, if approved, will severely and irreversibly detrimentally impact both my family's quality of life and the quality of life of the vicinity's residents (both in Santa Margarita and in Creston).

There are myriad questions and concerns that have yet to be addressed to the satisfaction of any reasonably concerned resident. The most serious of these concerns for my family and me is the exponential increase in particulate matter emitted from both the operations at the quarry and the average of 237 trucks travelling the 58 on a daily basis. According to the DEIR, the proposed quarry location is also home to 25% of the county's population and has, historically, experienced the highest ozone and particulate levels in the county. One quarter of the residents of the Upper Salinas River Valley are already at risk for the maladies that result from living in the most polluted part of the county.

How can we ensure that Santa Margarita, Creston, and the Upper Salinas River Valley will not become the next "cancer alley" (a famed stretch of the 710 freeway by Los Angeles with some of the highest asthma and cancer rates in the country)? How will the Las Pilitas Quarry mitigate the extensive increase in particulate matter and other pollutants? What monitoring will be put in place to ensure that our air and water quality will remain breathable and potable? Who will pay for this monitoring? How can we ensure that this monitoring is unbiased and in the best interests of the community without burdening the community itself with the costs? What technology will be employed to protect the residents from the environmental stress inflicted by this sizeable quarry project?

These concerns are very real and have very real consequences for the residents of our community. If they cannot be addressed in a way that eliminates safety concerns, we beg the board to refuse the request for permits.

Please respond via email: 4jeffg@gmail.com.

Thank you,

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